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JOURNAL OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY,

JUNE, 1863.

REPORT of the COUNCIL for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st December, 1862, and for the SESSIONAL YEAR ended March, 1863, presented at the TWENTY-NINTH Anniversary Meeting of the STATISTICAL SOCIETY, held at the Society's Rooms, 12, St. James's Square, on Saturday, 14th March, 1863; with the PROCEEDINGS of that Meeting.

RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN S. PAKINGTON, BART., M.P., G.C.B.,
President, in the Chair.

THE Council have to report that the number of Fellows now on the list (March, 1863) is 365, including 67 Life Members—against 374 (including 70 Life Members) at the same date last year. The losses by death, withdrawal, and default, have been 35; the new elections are 26. In 1861-2, the losses were 23; and the new elections 24.

The Income of the Year ended 31st December, 1862 (exclusive of the Balance of 226*l.* from 1861), was 770*l.* (against 734*l.* in 1861); and the expenditure was 763*l.* (against 744*l.* in 1861), leaving a Cash Balance, on 31st December, 1862, of 233*l.* (against 226*l.* at end of 1861).

The Surplus of Assets, on 31st December, 1862, was 1,720*l.*, after providing for all Liabilities; on 31st December, 1861, it was 1,677*l.* Hence the financial condition of the Society has been satisfactorily maintained during the past year, in spite of a slight, and doubtless only temporary, falling off in the number of its Members.

The Papers read at the Monthly Meetings have maintained the reputation of the Society. They have combined scientific accuracy with practical utility, and have given rise to discussions of a highly interesting and suggestive character.

The following is a List of the Papers which have been read from March, 1862, to March, 1863:—

March, 1862.—*Dr. Mouat*.—On Prison Statistics and Discipline in Lower Bengal.

- April, 1862.—*Mr. F. Purdy*.—On the Earnings of Agricultural Labourers in Scotland and Ireland.
- May, ,, *Mr. Tottie*.—On the Powers of the Inclosure Commissioners, and the Principles upon which they have exercised them.
- June, ,, *Mr. John Glover*.—On the Statistics of Tonnage during the First Decade under the Navigation Law of 1849.
- ,, ,, *Rev. Edward Gillett*.—A Plan for the Collection of Agricultural Statistics.
- Nov., ,, *Dr. E. S. Hall (of Hobarton)*.—On the Vital Statistics of Tasmania.
- Dec., ,, *Mr. Hammick*.—On the Recent Population Statistics of the British Colonies and Dependencies.
- Jan., 1863.—*Dr. Leone Levi*.—On the Cotton Trade and Manufacture as affected by the Civil War in America.
- Feb., ,, *Professor J. E. T. Rogers, M.A.*—On the Rationale and Working of the Patent Laws.

The Thirty-Second Meeting of the British Association was held at Cambridge, in October, 1862. The Section (F) of Economic Science and Statistics, was presided over by Edwin Chadwick, Esq., C.B., one of the original Fellows of this Society. Of the many valuable papers brought under the notice of the Section, one-half was contributed by Fellows of our own Society—a few of these have been printed in the *Journal*.

The past year, rendered memorable by the second International Exhibition, was also distinguished by the scientific meetings held in London, as the centre to which the most eminent men from every part of the world had been attracted. It was felt that this great opportunity of bringing together the representatives of science from foreign countries, and from our own provinces and colonies, should not be lost. Accordingly the members of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, and those of the Congr s de Bienfaisance, made London their central place of meeting, and held their respective meetings during the month of June.

The Sixth Meeting of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, was held at the Guildhall, under the Presidency of Lord Brougham. The proceedings and success of this meeting will be in the recollection of our Fellows, several of whom contributed Papers and took part in its discussions. The wide scope and great importance of the questions there considered, can be best estimated by a reference to the very full volume of reports which the Association has recently published.

The Congr s de Bienfaisance was held at Burlington House,

under the Presidency of the Earl of Shaftesbury. The Papers read by the Foreign Members, had a special attraction for our own Fellows, who became acquainted with the views entertained in other countries, upon subjects debated within these walls. At this Congress, too, the Fellows of this Society bore their part, as the following List of Papers will show:—

Rate of Mortality in London Hospitals, by *Dr. W. A. Guy*.

Census of the Blind, and the Deaf and Dumb in England, by
Mr. Hammick.

Sketch of English Poor Laws, by *Mr. Lumley*.

Irish and Scotch Poor Laws, by *Mr. F. Purdy*.

On Factory Inspection, by *Mr. A. Redgrave*.

Among the deaths of Fellows which have taken place since the last report of the Council, there is one which demands special mention—it is that of the venerable Marquis of Lansdowne. He was one of the Founders of the Society, and its first President, and on many occasions, and in many ways, manifested the interest he took in its welfare.

The Council have placed in the Library a medallion of His Royal Highness the late Prince Consort, as a memorial of the Patron of the Society.

The Society has been recently deprived of the services of Mr. Newmarch as one of its Honorary Secretaries and as the Editor of the *Journal*. The change of circumstances in the business avocations of that gentleman, which have led to his resignation, are stated in the notice printed in the March number of the *Journal*. That notice contains some interesting suggestions by Mr. Newmarch, upon the advantage which would accrue from combining this Society, under certain conditions, with several other Associations devoted to the cultivation of cognate branches of knowledge.

The Council have expressed, in a resolution appended to the notice, their sense of the valuable services which Mr. Newmarch, as Honorary Secretary and as Editor of the *Journal*, has rendered to the Society. They have also appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with the officers or leading members of the Societies upon the plan indicated by Mr. Newmarch in his communication.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Newmarch, the Council appointed Mr. F. PURDY to succeed him as Honorary Secretary and Editor of the Society's *Journal*.

In moving the adoption of the Report, the President referred to the loss which the Society had sustained by the resignation of

Mr. Newmarch, and to the proposal made by him with reference to the amalgamation of the several Societies cultivating Social Science, a plan which he hoped to see carried out.

The Resolution, having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

A Ballot was then taken for the election of a President, Council, and Officers, for the ensuing twelvemonths, and the following was declared to be the List, viz. :—

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 1862-63.

President.

COLONEL W. H. SYKES, M.P., F.R.S.

Council.

Charles Babbage, M.A., F.R.S.
James Bird, M.D.
Sir John Boileau, Bart., F.R.S.
Swinton Boulton
Samuel Brown
William Camps, M.D.
William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.
Right Hon. Earl Fortescue.
Humphrey William Freeland, M.P.
Sir Francis Henry Goldsmid, Bart., M.P.,
Q.C.
William Augustus Guy, M.B.
James Thomas Hammick
Frederick Hendriks
James Heywood, F.R.S.
Sir Rowland Hill, K.C.B.
William Barwick Hodge

Charles Jellicoe
Leone Levi, F.S.A.
William Golden Lumley, LL.M.
The Rt. Hon. Holt Mackenzie, F.R.G.S.
Matthew Henry Marsh, M.P.
Right Hon. Lord Monteagle, F.R.S.
William Newmarch, F.R.S.
The Right Hon. Sir John Somerset
Pakington, Bart., M.P., G.C.B.
Frederick Purdy
Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P.
Colonel W. H. Sykes, M.P., F.R.S.
Major-General Sir A. M. Tulloch,
K.C.B.
Richard Valpy
Cornelius Walford
Rev. William Whewell, D.D., F.R.S.

The names of the New Members of the Council are given in Italics.

Treasurer.

William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.

Honorary Secretaries.

William Augustus Guy, M.B.		William Golden Lumley, LL.M.
Frederick Purdy.		

Mr. Bohn moved, and Major-General Sir A. M. Tulloch seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Council, and Officers, for their services during the past year, which was carried unanimously.

The President briefly acknowledged the compliment.

A conversation ensued as to the desirability of adjourning the discussions on the papers read at the ordinary meetings, when there was not a full opportunity for each speaker to make his observations on the same evening.

The President believed there was no law of the Society on the subject, and that it was competent for any member to move an adjournment. He was, however, in favour of prolonging the discussion till twelve or one o'clock, rather than having it adjourned. It being understood that any member could, under existing arrangements, take the sense of the meeting on this point at the time of the debate, the subject dropped.

A vote of thanks to the President brought the proceedings to a close.

The following is the Report of the Auditors:—

“ STATISTICAL SOCIETY,

“ 12, ST. JAMES’S SQUARE.

“ *London, 28th January, 1863.*

“ The Auditors appointed to examine the Accounts of the Statistical Society for the year 1862, herewith

“ REPORT :—

“ That they have carefully compared the Entries in the Books with the several Vouchers for the same, from the 1st January, 1862 to the 31st December, 1862, and find them perfectly correct; showing the *Receipts* (including a Balance of 226*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* from 1861) to have been 996*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, and the *Payments* 763*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, leaving a Balance in favour of the Society of 232*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*

“ They have also had laid before them an Estimate, made by the Council, of the *Assets* and *Liabilities* of the Society, the *former* amounting to 1,828*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, and the *latter* to 101*l.* —*s.* —*d.*,—showing a Balance in favour of the Society of 1,719*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*

“ They further find that at the end of 1861, the number of Fellows was 364, of whom 31 Died, Withdrew, or became Defaulters, and 35 new Fellows were elected during the year 1862, leaving 368 as the number on the list on the 31st December, 1862.

(Signed)

“ CORNELIUS WALFORD, }
 “ H. B. HYDE, } *Auditors.*
 “ SAMUEL BROWN. }

The statement of Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities, is as follows:—

(I.)—RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS of the STATISTICAL SOCIETY for the YEAR 1862.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1861..	226	- 11	Rent.....	75	- -
1862.			Salaries	181	13 4
Dividends	25	19 -	Printing <i>Journal</i>	313	15 9
Subscriptions:—			Advertising	15	18 -
275 for 1862 at £2 2s. ..	£577	10 -	Library	19	7 10
3 „ 1863 „ 2 2s. ..	6	6 -	Index and Catalogue	4	4 -
Arrears—15 „ 2 2s. ..	31	10 -	Stationery and Sundry Printing ...	49	7 6
			Postage and Receipt Stamps	16	18 4
	615	6 -	Incidental Expenses	17	5 6
Composition	21	- -	Ordinary Meetings	26	5 1
<i>Journal</i> Sales	78	12 7	Fire and Light	12	2 3
Advertisements in <i>Journal</i>	29	6 -	Furniture and Repairs	14	7 7
			Special Outlays	17	- -
				763	5 2
	£996	4 6	Balance carried to 1863..	232	19 4
				£996	4 6

(II.)—BALANCE SHEET of ASSETS and LIABILITIES on 31st DECEMBER, 1862.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.		£	s. d.	
Printing <i>Journal</i> for Dec., }	81	2 6		Cash Balance	232	19 4	
1862				Investments:—			
Stationery and Sundry }	11	6 -		3 per Cent. Consols ... cost £300			
Printing				New 3 per Cents. ... „	567		
Advertising Dec., <i>Journal</i> ..	4	7 6			867	- -	
Index to <i>Journal</i> , vol. xxv. }	4	4 -		Property (Estimated Value):—			
1862				Books in Library	£400		
			101 - -	<i>Journals</i> in Stock	200		
				Furniture	100		
Balance in favour of Society	1,719	19 4			700	- -	
				Arrears due and recoverable (say) ..	21	- -	
	£1,820	19 4			£1,820	19 4	